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## Governor Martin O'Malley's budget reform tour rolls through Salisbury



Leslie Pusey photo

The governor answers the media's questions outside of Holloway Hall

By Sarah Lake  
Editor in Chief

Governor Martin O'Malley presented his 2008 budget reform proposal last Wednesday in the Great Hall of Holloway at Salisbury University.

O'Malley's presentation, titled *Resolving the Structural Deficit and Investing in Maryland's Future*, outlined his plan of action that, he says, will close a \$1.7 billion deficit in the state's \$50 billion budget.

"Here's our problem: We have this structural deficit which is a moving obstacle that flattens our ability to maintain health, public safety, education (of course colleges) as well as our environment," O'Malley said. "We have a tremendous opportunity in front of us to chart a course and make the right decision that allows us to make Maryland an even better and stronger state than she is right now."

According to O'Malley, the state of Maryland did two things that eventually led to the current deficit. In 1997, Governor Glendonning put into effect an income tax cut that reduced Maryland's revenue by \$1 billion. In 2002, Governor Ehrlich implemented the Thornton Plan, an education bill that increased funding by \$1.3 billion and froze tuition prices. Due to the index being higher than expected, the \$1.3 billion ballooned to \$1.5

billion. "If you're running your own business or household, and you reduce the dollars that are coming in by a billion and increase the level of investments by \$1.5 billion, essentially those will run in opposite directions. That's what happened to us," O'Malley said. "We managed to kind of push it off and we really didn't deal with the reality of our situation. So now we face a \$1.7 billion hole in our budget."

O'Malley set out to formulate a "fair, balanced and sustainable plan" that will "secure our future and safeguard our quality of life," he said.

As he removed his jacket, rolled up his sleeves and loosened his tie, O'Malley assured the audience that both he and the lieutenant governor are old-fashioned. "We believe that if you're going to pay taxes, then at the end of the day, the government should actually work. We should be effective in making college education more affordable for more people, we should work to make our streets safer and we should be able to protect our envi-

ronment," he said.

The budget reform proposal outlines various tax cuts and increases that will serve to reach O'Malley's ultimate solution: structural reform.

O'Malley will begin by targeting reductions in spending growth. In his first nine months in office, O'Malley passed a 2007 budget that grew by 1.9 percent. This pales in comparison to the 2006 budget which increased by 12 percent.

O'Malley plans to reform the tax system to make it "fairer" for 83.5% of Maryland families.

He plans to reform income tax, making it more progressive by adding new rates for wealthier Marylanders and reducing taxes for all others. "Right now, if you're a



Sarah Wright photo

O'Malley explains the pieces of the tax dollar.

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## 35th annual Oktober Fest is a big hit at SU

By Sara Sutton  
Staff Writer

Despite the dreary weather last Wednesday, the German Club's 35th annual Oktoberfest had students coming out to celebrate.

Held on the lawn in front of Henson Hall, this long-standing tradition is full of fun activities, great food, prizes and, of course, beer.

The original Oktoberfest is held every year in Munich, Germany, where around 6.5 million visitors come to partake in the world's largest beer festival. 17 - 18 days long, the event started as a wedding festival and as been continued ever since.

Salisbury's version is much smaller but "the spirit is the same," said Klaudia Thompson, advisor of the German Club and head of the German minor on campus. Thompson has been with the pro-

year, she said.

Students arriving at the festival were met with German polka style music playing in the background and the mouth-watering aromas of sauerkraut and sausage. Others dressed in German style clothing entertained.

Since it is an SGA campus recognized event other clubs on campus are allowed to join in on the festivities by having their own tables to solicit members and do some fundraising. This year over 15 clubs signed up for the fun.

Some of the activities of the day were a medieval knight reenactment, a buffet of German food and great prizes.

After they paid for their food, students were automatically entered into a drawing to win a free Wii game console, or they could buy a lollipop to try and win a free semester of books.

Another highlight of the day was the beer garden. With five types of beer being offered, four of which were German, the fenced in area was a great place for the 21



Adrienne Price photo

J.P. Rothenn, Cari Madsen and Rory Downey enjoy a couple of cold ones at the German Club's Oktober Fest.

gram and the club since its start and looks forward to the event every

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## Preservation Hall jazzes things up at Salisbury U

By Matt Harhai  
Staff Writer

Preservation Hall Jazz Band of New Orleans preformed their signature New Orleans jazz in the Holloway Hall Auditorium Wednesday, Oct. 10, as part of the African-American Cultural Celebration Series.

A lucky group of Salisbury University students and community members, that got tickets well in advance, all had the opportunity to hear and see one of the most renowned jazz ensembles in the world.

The Preservation Hall band features "a laid back tempo with a strong sense of melody," according to their Web site, preservationhall.com.

New Orleans jazz was conceived in the early 1900s; however, it is unlike Dixieland style jazz, which was formed around the same time.

The band worked the crowd to a roar of applause, playing everything from the New Orleans style itself with a song like 'Bourbon St. Parade' to blues like 'Basin Street Blues.'

They even played spirituals like 'Lord, Lord, Lord.' The band harkened back to the west African traditions from which jazz was born with a boogie song called 'Shake that Thing,' and the trumpeter John Brunious involved the audience by getting them to holler the chorus "shake that thing" after hearing the band sing the same line.

The New Orleans natives also spoke about Hurricane Katrina and

the emotional effects it had on them and their lives. The band was especially grateful for the crowd's generosity, as well as from others they have played for since the tragedy.

PHJB has played at Carnegie Hall, for British Royalty and for the king of Thailand.

Hailing from the French Quarter of New Orleans, the Band has under-

gone many personal changes since their inception in 1963. They have been the house band for the venue of the same name since two years after Preservation Hall's birth as a jazz venue.

The New Orleans institution is almost as old as jazz itself. Some of

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Matt Harhai photo

Trumpeter John Brunious "shakes things up" at Wednesday's show.

## Emerys will local farm to University

By Katelyn Johnson  
Staff Writer

There is only so much you can learn by sitting in a classroom.

Sometimes it is necessary to get out and experience lessons first hand. For science students at Salisbury University, this has been made possible at the newly donated Calloway Family Farm.

The farm will help even more students as its owners, SU Foundation member Charles Emery and his wife, Barbara, have recently willed the 351-acres, valued at more than \$540,000, to the University.

The farm, located in Mardela Springs, has been used by biology, geosciences and geology students as well as faculty for research opportunities.

"Parts of the property have remained reasonably untouched for many years (since settlement). We are studying the morphology and chemistry of this area and comparing the results against the same results for the surrounding area on the property that has been regular-

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Interim dean of Henson

ly farmed," said Dr. Michael Folkoff, interim dean of the Henson School of Science and Technology.

In the future, the department hopes to use the farm to study the changing nature of land use and ecology on the Lower Shore.

The farm is a planned gift, meaning the university does not have the title to it yet, according to Kim Nechay, Director of Development at Salisbury.

"[In the future] the farm will be transferred to us and we will then sell it. The proceeds from that sale will create a scholarship," said Nechay.

This will be the second scholarship endowed by the Emerys. In 2005, they founded the Stephen Michael Emery Scholarship benefiting social work majors, to honor their late son.

"We are very grateful to the Calloway family, particularly Mr. Emery, for letting us use the property and his donation to SU. I also must thank the Salisbury University Foundation for their help with acquiring access to the property and with developing this generous gift," said Folkoff.

### Story Brief

The No. 3 Salisbury University field hockey team beat Hood College 11-0 in the first ever night game held at Sea Gull stadium. The Gulls (12-1 CAC 4-0) set eight season-high marks while recording their sixth shutout of the season against their conference foe.



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## News briefs

### Homecoming preview

Salisbury is celebrating its Homecoming Weekend from Friday, Oct. 19 until Sunday, Oct. 21. Events for Friday include a Varsity Club golf tournament at the Nutter's Crossing Golf Course at 10 a.m. Later on Friday there will be a powderpuff football game sponsored by the Residence Hall Association at 3 p.m. on the Holloway Hall Lawn. SOAP will be showing the film *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* on Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 7 and 10 p.m. in the Caruthers Auditorium. Closing out on Friday will be comedian Matt Fulchiron with a free performance in Holloway Hall Auditorium at 9 p.m. The football game will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, with Salisbury taking on Becker College. Admission is \$3 for non-SU students, \$2 for children 12 and under and free to SU students.

Other events include the Untouchables Dance Club performing in Henson Plaza from 4-4:30 p.m. as sports fans make their way back to main campus. The Center for International Education (1106 Camden Ave.) will hold a reception for international and study abroad alumni from 4-6 p.m. The Multicultural Student Services Office will host a post-game jazz social in the Gull's Nest of the Guerrieri University Center from 4-7 p.m.

### Sironka - African Dance

Celebrating the song and dance of the Maasai of Kenya, the Sironka Dance Troupe performs 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16 in Holloway Hall Auditorium. One of Kenya's last surviving indigenous cultures, the Maasai differ from other African tribes in that they have rejected the modern, Western way of life for the traditions and cultural practices embedded in their history. This provides a window into the rich cultures of Africa. For the Maasai, folk music is vital to both spiritual and social lives. For more information call 410-677-4685.

## "Smokin" events to look forward to in the GUC's new Fireside Lounge

By Jennifer Garrison  
Staff Writer

The Guerrieri University Center is used as a focal point for the intellectual and social development of students. The recently upgraded and remodeled Fireside Lounge is planning on holding more events that will interest and educate students.

"The University Center is an extended lab of learning. Our primary focus is meeting student needs and interests," said Director of the University Center and New Student Experience Lawanda Dockins-Gordy.

The Fireside Lounge is used for workshops, holding group and club meetings, studying, using the Internet, relaxing with the TV and a

## Projected student housing angers Salisbury city council and residents

By Alex Ruoff  
Staff Writer

Originally designed as town homes for empty nesters, Hearnex annexation developers have announced plans to create a new student housing complex, nearly twice the capacity of University Park, near the intersection of South Division and Dykes Street.

"Student housing is a real need for Salisbury," said Chris Davis, President of Davis Properties. "As the student population grows, they will need a place to live."

A 2002 Anderson Stickle Student Housing Market study has projected the demand for off campus housing at 2,400 beds.

University Park and University Village can currently hold 1,471 students. Both of the "Zoo's" combined can only house less than 500.

The State has stopped all funding for income producing building projects, meaning that SU is unlikely to be building any new dorms on campus as part of the new master growth plan.

"The area is a mile from campus and we will provide buses to the uni-

versity," said Davis. "This is a win-win proposition for the city and the university."

Some city officials feel that Salisbury will benefit more from the Orchard's original 468 town homes aimed at retirees rather than apartments for students.

"There is a big difference in the assessable tax base between a retirement community and student housing," said City Council Vice President Gary Comegys. "The revenue for the city will be cut in half."

The project will double the population, Comegys said, which will require more services from the city.

Some city officials claim these revisions of The Orchard as an ethical breach, while Steve Smethurst, the lawyer for the developer, stated in a *Daily Times* article last week that the

change is legal and is dictated by a slumping housing market.

"The issue of student housing will

require a long-term, sustainable solution," said Mayor Barrie Tilghman. "We need the university and the community to work together for a solution."

The area around the annexed property is mostly single-family, Tilghman said, and therefore not appropriate for

student housing. The annexation was given an R-8A multifamily zoning code, which permits student housing.

"Zoning doesn't distinguish between residents," said City-Council Planning Director Jack Lenox. "There was no requirement as to who could live there. The annexation was already given final approval for multi-

family."

Growth can be better served if it is within a designated growth area, Lenox said. This particular area, which is two blocks from the new proposed university parking garage, is close to other student housing and has sufficient access to municipal services.

"The developers made certain representations and I would like them to honor that," Comegys said. "I am not opposed to student housing, but the city needs a comprehensive plan to properly place students."

Construction of the Orchard is to begin as early as next July and it could be housing students by fall 2009, unless it is denied by the planning commission. The commission will meet Thursday, Oct. 18, to decide.

"If students want to make an impact on the issue of student housing and let the city know that they are there, then they should be present when the commission meets," said John Davis Engineer for Davis Properties. "The commission has a great deal of influence on this project and can still stop us from building student housing."



Sarah Wright photo

Developers plan to build student housing near the intersection of S. Division and Dykes Road.

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Deer Harbour.

Damaged mailboxes, lawns torn up with tire tracks and destroyed landscaping were the main form of vandalism during the spree. Even close neighbors of the suspects were hit with attacks of vandalism, according to police.

Hill was caught the following morning after police identified and tracked down his Jeep, which was covered in mud and grass when found.

55 counts of malicious destruction of property were filed against Hill and the three juveniles. Malicious destruction of property is a misdemeanor crime that is split into two classes based on the damage to property, whether the count is above or below \$500.

If damage to the property is above \$500 the maximum punishment is three years in prison and a \$2,500 fine per charge, if convicted. If below \$500 the maximum punishment is up to 60 days in jail and fines up to \$500. It is not yet certain how many homes were hit, but as of now Hill is facing heavy punishment.

If convicted, the young men will be facing a possible fine of \$2,500 per charge, and that's for one mailbox. This is not including the other 54 that were destroyed in the hour between 2 and 3 a.m.

Police are using this to caution others in the area against destruction of property, especially during the Halloween season.

## Crime beat

10/06/07  
2:47 a.m.  
Traffic Stop

A University Police officer stopped a vehicle that exited from the Devilbiss Parking Lot for operating without headlights. The student driver was transporting an intoxicated non-student to PRMC. The non-student was examined by Salisbury EMS and refused treatment.

10/05/07-10/06/07  
9:00 p.m.-4:25 p.m.  
Theft

The letter "Y" and a seagull were stolen from the Salisbury University entrance sign along Camden Ave. near Holloway Hall.

10/08/07  
2:00 p.m.-2:50 p.m.  
Theft

A student reported that a bicycle was stolen from the bike rack located between Devilbiss Hall and Magsys Gym. The bicycle was locked to the rack.

10/09/07  
2:23 p.m.  
Recovered Property

A skateboard that was stolen in Ocean City during May was recovered in Magsys Gym.

10/09/07-10/10/07  
5:00 p.m.-8:30 a.m.  
Theft

The Salisbury University flag was stolen from the Ward Museum.

### JAZZ BAND

the founders have played with the fathers of jazz such as Jelly Roll Morton, Bagdad Bolden and Bunk Johnson.

Another who played with the band, Louis Armstrong, once said, "Preservation Hall, now that's where you'll find all the greats."

The band consists of seven members: John Brunions, the band leader on trumpet and vocals; Freddie Lonzo on trombone; Joseph Lastie Jr. on drums; Darryl Adams on saxophone; Walter Payton playing bass and adding vocals; Rickie Monie on the piano; and Carl LeBlanc strumming on banjo and singing.

Looking past their misfortunes during Katrina, LeBlanc muses "When I think about what I'm supposed to do now, I realize it's bigger than me or even than Preservation Hall itself. We're not looking back to the past and misfortune; we're looking to the joy that the future holds. And our music will endure."

### OKTOBERFEST

and older crowd to experience some of the same beer that would be offered at the actual Oktoberfest in Germany.

President of the German club, Courtney Smith, has been with the club since her freshman year and was happy with how the event turned out.

"We work really hard to get everything together since our biggest event is so soon in the semester. Besides the weather, things have been going really well," Smith said.

The German Club meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Scarborough Leadership House and all are welcome. "Anyone can join. We have people that don't speak German at all," Smith said.



Sammy the Sea Gull says:

"Winter weather is on its way!"

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## Taking the hike of a lifetime: Backpacking across Europe

By Michael Vince  
Staff Writer

Setting foot in the Roman Colosseum, drifting down the canals of Venice, hiking along the hills of Ireland, and scanning the horizon as seen from the Eiffel Tower. These are the sites and experiences found while backpacking across Europe.

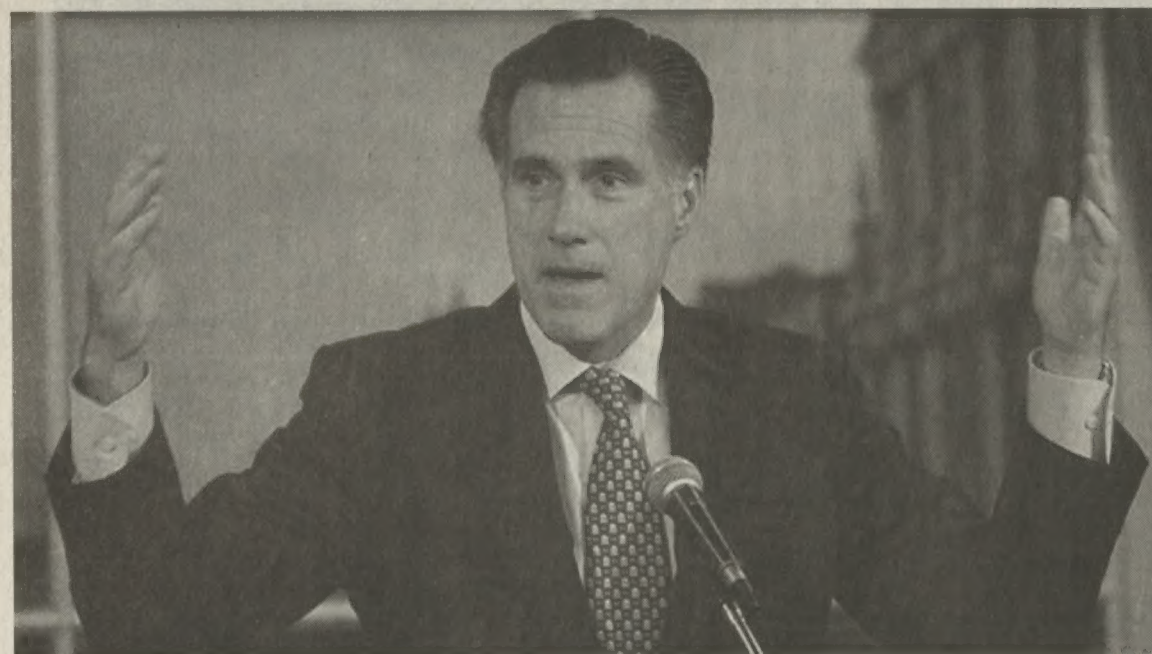
Many people dream about traveling, but few ever do. The real experiences lie not just in traveling, but backpacking through each country. There are a few steps that one should follow before and during the trip.

The first step in overseas backpacking is the itinerary. Everyone needs one right? Wrong! For travelers who must know what they are doing at all times, an itinerary is a must. However, an itinerary is not necessary to see all the fabulous sites and have a great journey. "You just need some idea or some plan of what you want to do," said Kathryn Wroblewski, a senior at Salisbury University who took a two and a half week backpacking trip through Europe. "My sister and I just decided that we wanted to go, bought the tickets, then went."

It is essential that all documents are acquired and ready prior to the trip. Passport protectors are a must, since they are so vital to traveling between countries and returning home. Tickets, however, are different. Deciding to take another route or go at a different time may change previous travel plans; thus getting tickets ahead of time is not a priority. While having tickets beforehand can make traveling easier, if you are a person who lives by the seat of their pants, prepaid tickets are not essential.

Packing light is packing right.

## Medical marijuana remains hot-button issue with 2008 presidential hopefuls



Internet photo

Presidential hopeful Mitt Romney takes his oppositional stance against medical marijuana to the extreme.

By Derek Pettinelli  
Staff Writer

It's currently one of the most hotly debated issues with the 2008 presidential hopefuls and it's part of a movement that increases daily in power and fame. Medical cannabis (marijuana), as it's more commonly known) is something that has gained a lot of steam as of late. Currently, twelve states have medical cannabis programs: Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington. While Maryland does not have a program on the books, the legislature passed a medical marijuana affirmative defense law in 2003. If a patient is arrested and successfully makes the case that marijuana is a medical necessity to them; the maximum penalty allowed by law is \$100.

As its popularity grows, more and more candidates are finding themselves on the spot with poignant questions phrased from people in all walks of life. Most recently, CNN ran a video of Mitt Romney responding to a medical marijuana patient that had over 100,000 views on YouTube. This video showed a wheelchair-bound man with muscular dystrophy named Clayton

Although this may be a vacation, only bring what you can easily carry. Only a couple pairs of pants, a sleeping bag, a few button-down shirts, and two different types of shoes should be essential. Also, the backpack should be able to support all of your items, since you will want to carry everything with comfort. Always pack traveler's checks as well. They are great to have if something were to go wrong and could be the difference between a happy ending and disaster.

A European backpacking vacation is great fun, but can have risks. Theft of passports, tickets, money, etc. can be a real damper on the whole trip and lead to a miserable vacation. "Always keep a few extra bucks on you, just in case something goes wrong," Wroblewski said. "Know that things will happen, not everything will go as planned."

The one aspect of the trip that will make you second guess traveling is the cost. Yes, it is a bit pricy, but how many times do you go overseas? "I would go back again in a heartbeat," said Wroblewski, who spent a total of \$2,000 on her entire two and half week European backpacking vacation. The average price costs around \$3,500, but there are several deals for college students. The price may be a bit steep to some, but the experience is worth it. "I recommend for everyone to go backpacking through Europe. It's an experience like none other," Wroblewski said.

It is better to be safe than sorry. Keep all belongings near you at all times and make sure items with locks are properly secured. It is best to travel with someone, especially at night. Do not make yourself a victim; there are ways to ensure the enjoyment of your European experience.

## Investigation raises new questions concerning Princess Diana's death

By Lisa Emery  
Staff Writer

Newly released photographs of a dying Princess Diana were shown in court on October 11 as part of an inquest into her death along with companion Dodi Fayed and chauffeur Henri Paul 10 years ago.

The photographs were taken by the paparazzi who trailed the Mercedes carrying Diana, Fayed, bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, and Paul into the Pont d'Alma tunnel in Paris on August 31, 1997. Many eyewitnesses of the scene have spoken in the past about their shock and disbelief in watching the media swarm around the twisted wreck for a priceless photo opportunity. Harsh criticism followed, as public outcry questioned why the paparazzi did not try to help the injured victims.

Five male and six female jury members were exposed to the graphic new images, which were confiscated from the photographers on the night of her death. Metropolitan police officer Paul Carpenter explained in detail to the jurors the gruesome images as they were displayed in the courtroom.

The black 1994 Mercedes S280 that carried the group was traveling at high speeds to elude the paparazzi chasing them through the now infamous Pont d'Alma tunnel. All four passengers

were riding without a seatbelt when the accelerating car lost control and ran into the thirteenth pillar of the tunnel.

Romuald Rat, one of the first photographers at the scene, took a photo of the mangled car with smoke pouring from the vehicle. Another photo captured the moment French doctor Frederic Maillez reached into the car



Internet photo

to provide first aid to Princess Diana. An additional photo, taken by photographer Laslo Veres, showed Diana on the floor in the back of the vehicle, with one leg raised.

The aggressive line of paparazzi following the car arrived at the tunnel in stages. Serge Arnal, Stephane Darnon and Christina Martinez appear to have been the first at the scene. Records from telephone operators prove Serge Arnal's claim of attempting to get through to emer-

gency services after arrival was true.

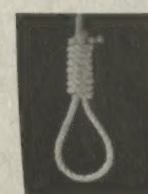
The police, to avoid the gruesome photographs from being plastered on tabloids, expropriated cameras belonging to the paparazzi at the scene. The confiscated film showed photographs of the car and passengers immediately upon the paparazzi's arrival. The photos show the wreckage and smoke with no emergency services near the accident.

Blood tests revealed that Henri Paul, driver of the Mercedes, was illegally intoxicated at the time of their death. He had a blood alcohol level three times that of the French legal limit. Fayed and Dodi died on impact while Princess Diana received injuries which resulted in her death around 4 a.m. local time. The fourth passenger and only survivor, bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, was closest to the point of impact.

The new inquest is expected to last up to six months. Earlier last week, the 11 jurors traveled to Paris to visit the accident scene, and walked through the Ritz Hotel, where Princess Diana and Fayed dined just hours before their death. The tragic details, as they emerge, will lay to rest the story of the death of a princess.

## Riddle of the Week

Last Week's Solution:  
The man jumped out of a plane over a desert, but his parachute failed to open.



Two cops walked into a room with no windows and found a dead man who obviously hanged himself from the ceiling, though they couldn't figure out how. There was no chair beneath him that he might have jumped off of, or a table. Just a puddle of water. How'd he do it?

## Japanese high schools in arms over WW II textbook debate

By Leah Dyson  
Staff Writer

An ABC article published earlier this month reports that the government's decision to "tone down" Japanese high school textbook passages regarding the mass suicides at the end of World War II has been overturned.

On September 29, over 100,000 people gathered in Okinawa, Japan to protest these possible changes to textbooks. This was the largest rally to take place on the southern island since 1972 (when it was returned to Japan by the United States).

The Japanese Education Ministry had recommended revisions to portions of textbooks that discussed the mass suicide of Japanese civilians at the end of the Second World War, according to a BBC article published last month. A *New York Times* report indicates that revised textbooks may have denied government involvement in these suicides altogether.

A government appointed panel had approved these changes, which resulted in an outcry from both the public and Okinawan politicians.

The school textbooks currently describe how the Japanese army distributed grenades to civilians, ordering them to kill themselves instead of surrendering to United States forces. The army feared what civilians would reveal to the United States

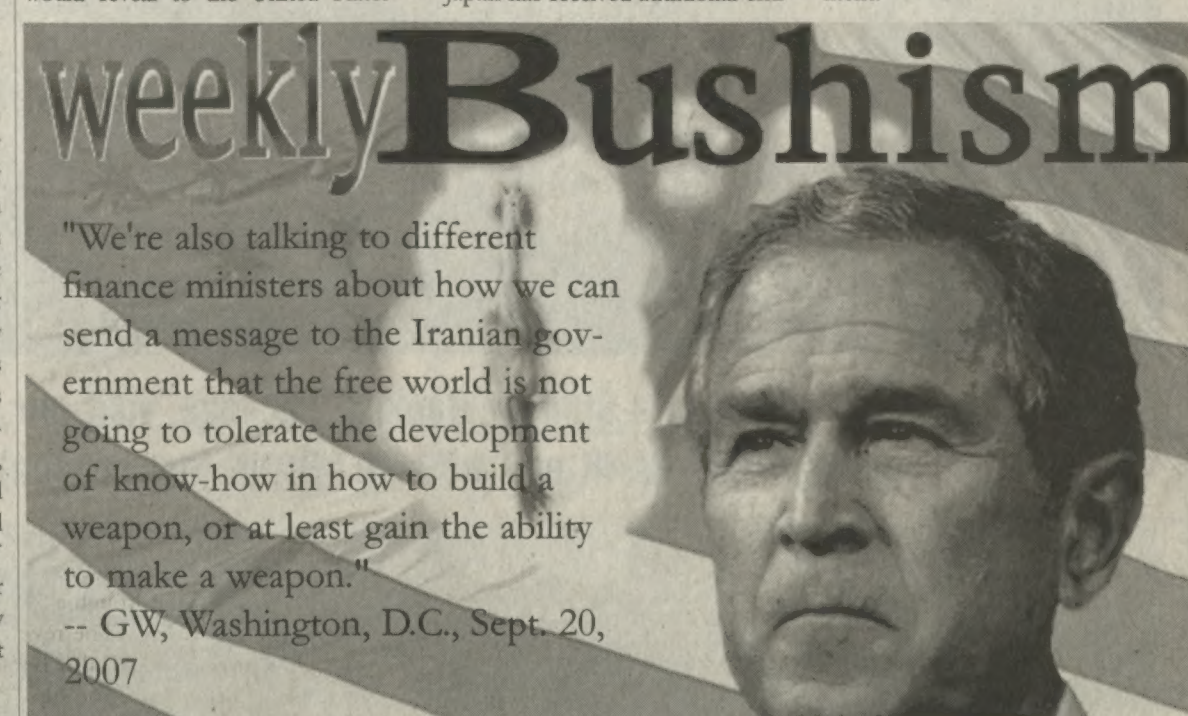
military, and regarded surrendering as shameful.

The textbooks also report about the government producing propaganda containing information about the "terrible atrocities" they would encounter if captured by the United States military.

Over 200,000 people died in Okinawa as the United States invaded, many a result of entire families committing suicide. "It is an undeniable fact that mass suicides could not have occurred without the involvement of the Japanese military," former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe defends the bill. The main goal is to encourage "the attitude of participating in society based on social norms and public spirit," he said.

This new educational requirement, which reinforces the power of the education minister over local educators, has also provoked concern from both South Korea and China. These two countries remain suspicious of Japan because of the nation's aggressive past.

Last month, Shinzo Abe stepped down as Japan's Prime Minister and was replaced by Yasuo Fukuda. In his first speech to Parliament, the new Prime Minister did not address these educational issues directly, but promised to work towards renewing the public's faith in their government.



"We're also talking to different finance ministers about how we can send a message to the Iranian government that the free world is not going to tolerate the development of know-how in how to build a weapon, or at least gain the ability to make a weapon."

-- GW, Washington, D.C., Sept. 20, 2007

EVENTS AT THE FIRESIDE

OCTOBER 24 8 P.M.

\*MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

\*EGG EXTRAVAGANZA OCTOBER 19-21

\*POOL TOURNAMENT OCTOBER 31

\*PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

FINALS WEEK

\*STRESSBUSTERS TBA

\*COOKING CLASSES



# Weekly Global Education: Thailand

By Stacie Manger  
Staff Writer

In Southeast Asia, near the South China Sea and the Indian Ocean, sits Thailand, formerly called Siam. The country is bordered by Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar, otherwise known as Burma. The name Thailand means "the land of the free." The history of Thailand and its culture originates from prehistoric times. The nation established its independence around the year 1238. During the colonial era, most of Africa and Southeast Asia were colonized. Despite a foreign presence and invaders from Myanmar, Thailand has remained free to govern themselves since the 12th century.

From the 12th century until the 1930s, Thailand was ruled under an absolute monarchy. The monarchy controlled the country and its politics. This government can be com-

pared to Queen Elizabeth I of England and France's "Sun King," Louis XIV. In the 30s, the absolute monarchy was replaced by the constitutional monarchy, which is now the United Kingdom's current system. The king or queen no longer has a strong input on political decisions, as the Prime Minister and Parliament have taken over.

Thailand's government has not always been stable. Thailand has experienced movements known as coup d'états. Unlike a revolution, which seeks to overthrow the entire government, a coup d'état is used as a means to replace the top leaders of a government.

King Bhumibol Adulyadej supported a recent coup d'état, the goal of which was to overthrow Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra while he was out of the country. Shinawatra was accused of corruption and incompetence. He failed to suppress Muslim insurgents in the

southern provinces. There were no deaths involved in this quick overthrow. After an interim prime minister was installed, a new constitution was written for the Thai people to vote on.

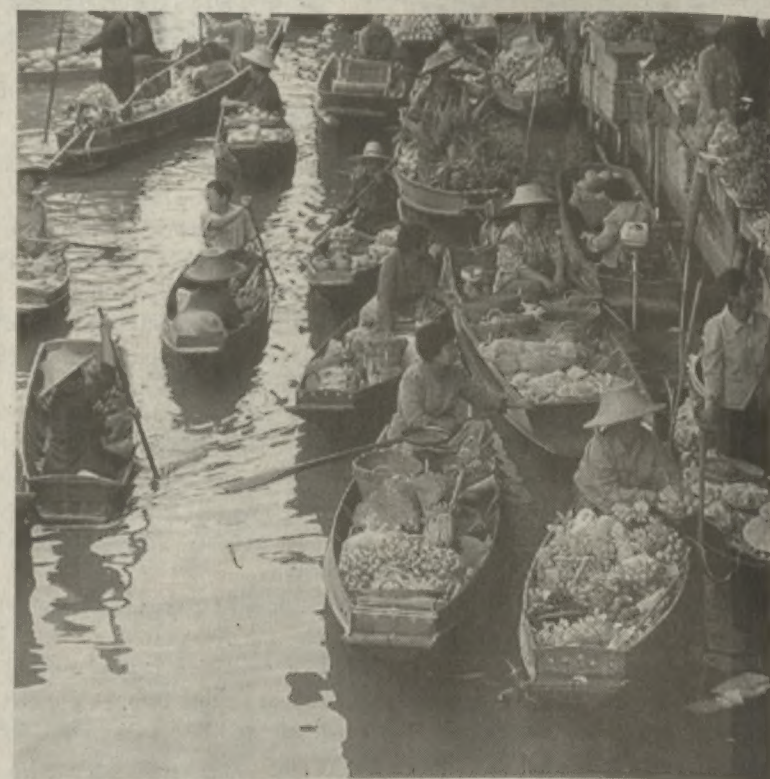
Thailand is predominantly Buddhist; however, there is a minority of Muslims who typically live in the southern districts. Some of this minority has turned to extremist behavior in order to be heard. The southern Muslims originate from Malaysia, Pakistan, China and within Thailand. Like many religious groups, the Muslims have sought to protect their culture.

Two of the Muslim separatist groups are the Mujahideen Islam Pattani and the banned Pattani United Liberation Organization (PULO). The PULO believes that the country obtained the south illegally and the people are being oppressed. Some Muslims feel ostracized by the nation because of how

the southern provinces are used; they serve as an area where corrupt officials go.

Thailand officials have continuously cracked down on the separatist groups. They have little tolerance for these organizations and their violent tactics. The PULO took a major hit when Thai officials assassinated their leader, Saadul Taloh-Meyaw.

The insurgency has the ability to disrupt the way of life in Southeast Asia. Thailand has become an ally with the United States and its war on terrorism. There have been many deaths, which have caused the Thai government to make significant efforts in order to hinder the violent attacks. The most recent prime minister to be sworn in is former General Sondhi Boonyaratkalin. Boonyaratkalin has vowed to end the Islamic insurgency.



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"Stay Puft Marshmallow Man."

Aaron Jones - senior



"Batman."

Jose Cuevas - senior



"Gandolf from Lord of the Rings."

Mark Comaty - sophomore



"Albus Dumbledore."

Mandy Maruchi-Turner - freshman



"Superman."

Olivia Jones - sophomore



"Harry Potter."

Stephen Prosser - senior

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## The dangerous side effects of energy drinks

By Kathleen Fitzpatrick  
Staff Writer

When feeling tired and worn out, most college students reach for an energy drink such as Red Bull or Monster thinking it will help them stay awake longer. For a while, you feel good, like you can stay awake all night and finish getting your work done. Unfortunately, this feeling wears off quickly. Energy drinks only supply physical and mental stimulation for a short period of time and then wear off, causing your system to "crash."

An energy drink has double the amount of caffeine of the majority of soft drinks, including Mountain Dew, Coke and Pepsi, and therefore should not be used as an everyday drink. Everyone's individual body has a different response to drinking them, and some responses may be more negative than others. Energy drinks, as stimulants, increase your heart rate which can cause palpitations in some people. They can dehydrate your body and can prevent sleep.

Some athletes use energy drinks to boost their energy during practice or a game. A majority of the energy drinks sold contain "energy boosters" such as caffeine, taurine (an amino acid that occurs naturally in the body) and glucuronolactone (a carbohydrate, also occurring naturally in the body). It is also believed that taurine and glucuronolactone cleanse the body of harmful substances while giving the body an



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instant boost of energy. Energy drinks, however, are not a form of hydration. In fact, they dehydrate the body. So when an athlete drinks an energy drink before or during a game, they are not replenishing their body's fluids, but instead dehydrating it even more. The combination of losing fluids when sweating and the diuretic quality of the caffeine in energy drinks can leave one extremely dehydrated, which can be dangerous.

Another common use amongst college students is mixing an energy drink with alcohol. It is common knowledge that alcohol is a depressant and energy drinks are stimulants. When the two substances are mixed together, it can be dangerous. The burst of energy you receive when drinking an energy drink masks the depressant effects of the alcohol, making one feel less intoxicated than they actually are. Because

of the energy drink, someone may not be aware of how high their blood alcohol level may be.

A usual indication that you've had too much to drink is the fatigue your body feels. Once the energy drink wears off, the effects of the depressant are still in your body, which can cause you to vomit in your sleep or have respiratory depression. Also, like the energy drink, alcohol is also very dehydrating, which can hinder how your body metabolizes the alcohol, causing the toxicity level to increase. This in part causes one to have a hangover the following day. While energy drinks may have harmful effects on one's body, that does not stop people from drinking them. Drinking an energy drink every now and then can't hurt the body too much, but when it is used as a substitute for other drinks such as water, it becomes a cause for concern.

## Marion Jones fesses up



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By Katie Murphy  
Staff Writer

Track star Marion Jones is thought by many to be the fastest woman on Earth. On Friday, October 4 in Federal Court, Jones admitted to using performance-enhancing drugs before the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. Due to her involvement with performance-enhancing drugs, Jones was required to and voluntarily gave up the five medals won at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games without a fight. It is very noble that

Jones finally admitted her steroid use, and is accepting the punishment for it. According to *The New York Times*, the performance-enhancing drug that Jones was suspected of using is part of a new class of anabolic steroids called a "designer drug."

THG, the designer drug which Jones was accused of and admitted to using, is a synthetic steroid derived by chemically modifying two other steroids. This type of steroid was so advanced Olympics that there was no test that could detect this type of steroid and therefore she passed all her drug tests.

Jones is not the only athlete found to have been using steroids. She is just one of the first to openly admit it. Jones' husband at the time of the 2000 Olympic Games was shot-putter C.J. Hunter. Hunter withdrew a month before the 2000 Olympic Games after knee surgery. It was found later on that Hunter had been failing drug tests for antibiotic

steroids all summer. Jones took the more adult approach by admitting she used steroids, unlike Hunter, who cited other reasons for his withdrawal from the 2000 Olympic Games.

Jones has been placed under a two-year suspension along with forfeiture of all medals won during the games. The international Olympic Committee is hoping that Jones' teammates will voluntarily return their gold medals which were won during the 4x400 meter relay. One of Jones' medals could be awarded to Katerina Thanou of Greece who was the runner up to Jones in the 100 meter, but she just finished serving a two-year drug ban. It seems that Jones was not the only runner doping before the 2000 Olympic Games.

It has become very clear that steroid use is very common in all sports (but it has been recently seen in the sport of track). Marion Jones is proving that she is not only one of the fastest women in the world, but also one of the most responsible for no longer hiding behind false statements and openly admitting to her wrongdoings.

## ~SUDOKU~ The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

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Difficulty Rating: Medium

## Solution to last week's puzzle:

9	5	7	2	3	4	1	6	8
6	2	3	1	7	8	9	4	5
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7	1	8	4	6	3	5	2	9
3	9	5	8	2	7	6	1	4
2	4	6	5	1	9	7	8	3
5	6	2	9	8	1	4	3	7
8	3	9	7	4	6	2	5	1
4	7	1	3	5	2	8	9	6



# Beijing olympics is increasingly politicized

By Jeremy Riffle  
Staff Writer

Next August, the Games of the XXIX Olympiad will take place in Beijing. Despite the Beijing Games having the slogan "One World, One Dream," and the claims of Chinese officials that their Olympics are not to be political, the 2008 Olympics are the focus of a lot of discussion by concerned individuals and groups. Unlike the majority of the most recent Olympic Games, these upcoming games have become increasingly embroiled in controversy and criticism due to the policies and practices of the Chinese government.

At the core of the criticism against China being the host of the Olympics is the country's atrocious human rights record. As a result, several groups have decided to use the Olympics as a platform for protesting China's policies on multiple human rights issues, including press and speech freedoms, persecution of dissenters and the treatment of Tibet.

One such group that is using the 2008 Olympics as a political arena is Students for a Free Tibet, which is protesting the occupation of Tibet, a region controlled by China and considered by the Chinese government to be a part of China. The group hopes that by politicizing the Olympics the world's attention will be drawn to Tibet and China will be shamed into granting Tibet greater autonomy and rights. Among the actions that members of the organization have taken was the unfurling of a banner that said, "One World, One Dream, Free Tibet," on a side of the Great Wall in August. The six foreign activists responsible were promptly detained by Chinese authorities and speedily deported to Hong Kong.

Another organization, Reporters Without Borders, has criticized China for failing to uphold promises made to the International Olympic Committee that the political and human rights situations in China would improve before the Beijing Games would take place. The issue that they are particularly concerned



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about is the restriction of the press in China. For example, according to Reporters Without Borders' 2007 Annual Report on China, there are 52 individuals incarcerated for expressing themselves on the Internet. In addition, as of January 1, there were 31 journalists in Chinese prisons. Additionally, foreign journalists have found themselves to be enduring increasing amounts of harassment from Chinese authorities. These situations have led Reporters Without Borders to call on the IOC to hold China responsible and compel the Chinese government to conform to international standards of rights before the opening ceremony on August 8.

The genocide in Darfur is another issue that has had a politicizing effect on the Beijing Olympics. Several groups and individuals have called on the international community to boycott the Olympics if China does not end its diplomatic and military support of Sudan or its influence to end the genocide. In one rather shocking condemnation of support for the Beijing Olympics, actress Mia Farrow criticized Steven Spielberg, who accepted a position as a consultant for the Olympic ceremonies, and asked if he "wanted to be remembered as the 'Leni Riefenstahl of the Beijing Games.'" (Leni Riefenstahl was a propagandist for Nazi Germany and had directed a film about the Berlin Olympics of 1936.) Spielberg, in response, wrote a letter to Hu Jintao, the President of the People's Republic of China, saying

that if China did not do more to resolve the situation in Darfur, that he would withdraw from his position as an Olympic consultant.

Boycotts of the Olympics have happened multiple times in the past. The two most notable cases are the 1980 Olympics in Moscow and the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. In 1980, the United States and over 60 other countries, in response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, refused to participate in the Moscow Olympics. In an act of reprisal, the Soviet Union and 14 of its allies snubbed the games held in America four years later. In addition, twice in the 1970s, several African nations threatened to boycott the Olympics in a successful effort to have South Africa and Rhodesia expelled from the IOC because of their governments' racist policies towards blacks.

The typical motivation behind a boycott of the Olympics is to embarrass the host country. China, because of its desire to be viewed as a major world power and gain the respect of other countries, wants to have a successful Olympiad. As the date of the opening ceremony approaches and the spotlight on China brightens, it will be harder for China to brush off increasing disapproval of its policies. If the consideration of boycotts gains enough traction, China will need to be proactive to fend off any possible boycotts. Whether or not China will be willing to act is a whole other question.

## High school assessment exams are challenged

By Lauren Zarin  
Staff Writer

Much controversy has arisen lately about high school exams required by 22 states across the country for graduation. In Maryland, these tests are known as the High School Assessments. The Assessments include exams in basic algebra, English, American government and biology. Though the HSAs have been in the works since 1992, they have only been fully operational since 2001, and the high school class of 2009 is the first to be required to pass them for graduation (1). With the graduation deadline nearing, several states, parents and school boards are worried about the number of students that may be left behind if these requirements stay in effect. Though there have been many efforts to reform the exams and the preparation for them, the major debate seems to be whether or not to do away with them entirely.

If these exams are an evaluation of a student's knowledge of the fundamentals of education, why are they facing such opposition? According to a recent article in *The Baltimore Sun*, Washington State has delayed requiring its math exam, Utah dropped testing requirements altogether, the Massachusetts Teacher's Union has initiated an ad campaign against the tests and California parents filed a class action suit. The Massachusetts Teacher's Union was unsuccessful as the state refused to abolish the exams, and students in California are still required to pass the exams to receive a diploma, but they can remain in high school for up to six years if needed.

The opposition is arguing that the exams are unreasonable. Jay Heubert, a professor at Columbia University, said, "States realize that they have set standards that kids simply aren't able to meet, or the failure rates are simply too high politically" (2). If basic knowledge of English, algebra, biology, and American government is beyond the capabilities of most American high school students, there's a problem somewhere. Since these tests first came about, most high schools that require them have been placing more emphasis on preparing their

students for them. This hasn't proven to be a sufficient effort. State data on the class of 2009 shows that 68 percent of students have passed the English exam, 77 percent have passed algebra, 71 percent have passed biology (2). Considering that a high school diploma is contingent upon passing, the percentages are alarming. The state of Maryland predicts that 2,000-3,000 students from the class of 2009 will fail. In California, the exam requirement took effect in 2006. That year, 20,000 fewer students graduated than were scheduled to graduate prior to taking the exams.

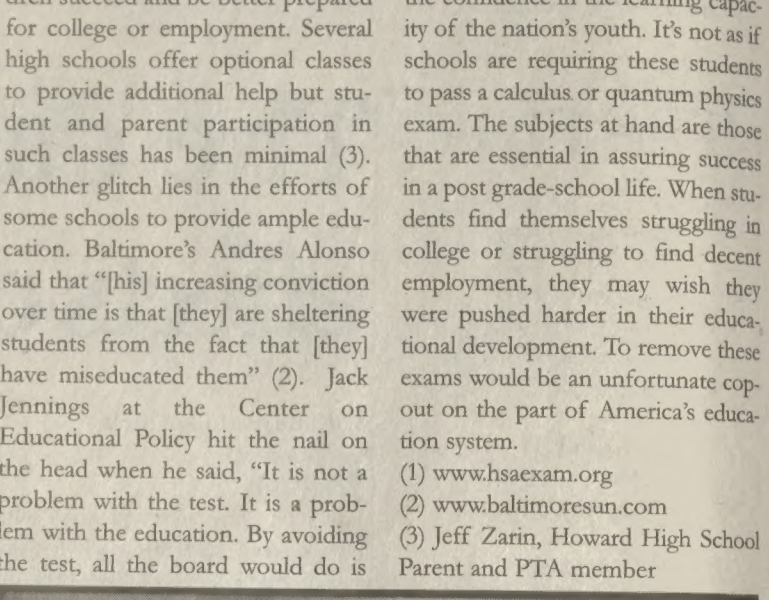
A solution to this problem will be complex, but the nation needs to figure out why so many students are not adequately educated in basic subjects. The fault lies partly with the parents who seem to be more concerned with fighting the tests than finding ways to help their children succeed and be better prepared for college or employment. Several high schools offer optional classes to provide additional help but student and parent participation in such classes has been minimal (3). Another glitch lies in the efforts of some schools to provide ample education. Baltimore's Andres Alonso said that "[his] increasing conviction over time is that [they] are sheltering students from the fact that [they] have miseducated them" (2). Jack Jennings at the Center on Educational Policy hit the nail on the head when he said, "It is not a problem with the test. It is a problem with the education. By avoiding the test, all the board would do is

avoid a day of reckoning" (2).

The bottom line is that the debate about requirements should not be as black and white as "to abolish or not to abolish." Instead, the states, the education system and the parents need to collaborate further on finding a solution that will increase the passing rate. In Massachusetts, when the failure rate reached the 25 percent range, the state increased education spending by several billion dollars. According to Robert Schwartz, the academic dean at the Harvard School of Education, "The deal was: More money for education in return for more accountability for performance" (2). As a result, the pass rates rose to 94 percent. Evidently, when the states put forth the effort and the students are pushed rather than let off the hook, the desired results can be reached.

Abolishing exam requirements as a result of failure to pass is a way of saying that America just doesn't have the confidence in the learning capacity of the nation's youth. It's not as if schools are requiring these students to pass a calculus or quantum physics exam. The subjects at hand are those that are essential in assuring success in a post grade-school life. When students find themselves struggling in college or struggling to find decent employment, they may wish they were pushed harder in their educational development. To remove these exams would be an unfortunate cop-out on the part of America's education system.

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## October emphasizes breast cancer awareness

By Kathleen Kasik  
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ing services. The various organizations and the Web site, www.nbcam.com, are year-round resources for patients, survivors and the general public regarding breast cancer. The main focus for the month of October is to encourage women to perform regular self breast exams, schedule annual mammograms and know the facts about recurrence. The signs of breast cancer are not the same for all women as some can have no visible signs. The most common signs are a lump or hard knot in the breast, a change in breast size or shape, new pain in one spot and swelling, redness or darkening of the skin.

Many companies such as Yoplait, M&M's, Caribou Coffee, Panera Bread, New Balance Athletic Shoes, BMW of North America Inc. and Microsoft are committed to Breast Cancer Awareness in the month of October. Companies have created limited edition products and donate

the proceeds to the Susan G. Komen fund.

"Nearly everyone I know has been impacted by breast cancer, whether it be a mother, grandmother or a friend," sophomore Britney Sohn said. "I like to buy products that are making a difference."

The Susan G. Komen fund was started in 1892 and launched the global breast cancer movement. The organization was started by Nancy G. Brinker who promised her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever. Today, Komen for the Cure is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists.

Student organizations at Salisbury University participate in raising money for Breast Cancer Awareness and education. In 1992, Zeta Tau Alpha adopted The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

as its national philanthropy. Zeta Tau Alpha participates in Race for the Cure, the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world. There have been more than one million participants since 2005.

"Race for the Cure is one of our favorite things to do as a sorority. Walking together and knowing we are helping so many people is what we are all about," said Jennifer Pratt, member of Zeta Tau Alpha.

Zeta Tau Alpha distributes pink ribbons to students with their registered trademark "Think Pink" and also showers cards with proper instructions on how to perform self breast examinations.

Many strides have been made in breast cancer awareness and treatment, but we still have a long way to go. Promoting Breast Cancer Awareness during the month of October is a step in the right direction towards self-awareness, early detection and a cure.







# Weekly Greek News

## SU sorority recruitment exceeds expectations

By Lindsey Dickinson  
Staff Writer

After over a month of recruitment activities, informal recruitment for sororities on campus is finally under wraps. Not only was this year's recruitment for sororities a success, it exceeded expectations.

Panhellenic recruitment this year resulted in getting 51 new members on campus. Alpha Sigma Tau received 15 new members, Phi Mu and Zeta Tau Alpha each received 13 new members and Delta Gamma received 10 new members this fall. This is Salisbury's largest sorority recruitment semester since fall 2004. These numbers are consistent with the national Panhellenic trend that more women are delaying membership in a sorority until their sophomore or junior year due to university requirements that you need

at least 12 credits to join a fraternity or sorority. So, the sororities received many transfer students and upperclassmen as new members.

The numbers are not the only success of this year's recruitment. The aggregate sorority new member grade point average is 3.08, which is actually above SU all-female average.

"I am proud of the amazing new girls that we recruited this semester," said Kathleen Kasik, sister of Zeta Tau Alpha. "But, I am most impressed with the overall GPA of the new members. To bring women into the Panhellenic organization with such strong academics will surely benefit every chapter on campus."

Informal recruitment this year included activities such as a barbecue, ice cream at TCBY with sisters, information nights and many more fun events that allowed potential new members and sisters to get to know one another. The semester's activities are meant to be a laid back way for women on campus to meet sisters and to get to know each organization in a low stress way. At the end of informal recruitment, new members received a bid into the sorority that they went out for, and celebrated bid day with their new organization.

Since this semester is informal recruitment, many sororities on campus also extend their periods of recruitment. Many of the groups are still searching for new members. This is referred to as Continuous Open Bidding (COB). COB is a term for year round recruitment. So, if you are still interested in joining a sorority, you can contact John Stout to see which organizations are still doing COB, or to get more information on how to sign up for formal recruitment next semester.

Congratulations to all new members of each sorority!

## Weekly Puzzler

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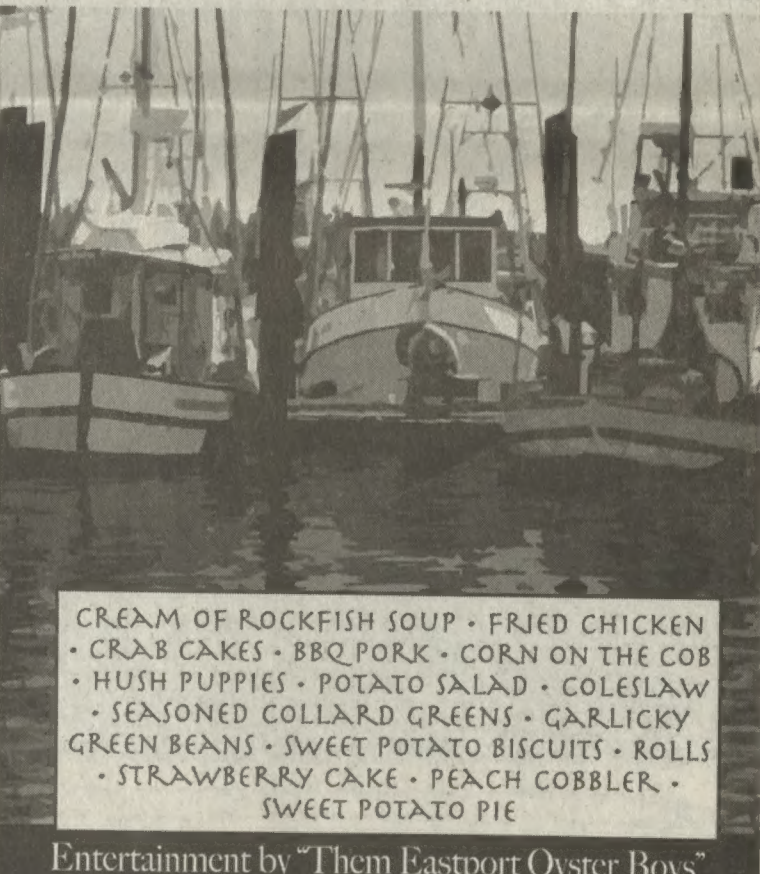
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# SPORTS

October 16, 2007

## From the editor: Football season like a wild snow globe

By Shawn Nisson  
Sports Editor

This year's college football season has been like a snow globe; topsy-turvy, clouded, wild, unpredictable, ever-changing, entertaining, and just when you think everything has settled in, it all gets turned upside down once more. With seven weeks in the books, the college football season's first half has come to a close. But these first two months have created more questions than answers on the path towards crowning a college champion.

This season from the outset has been the year of the underdog, starting with Appalachian State's unprecedented 34-32 victory over mighty Michigan. The then ranked No. 5 Wolverines got bush-whacked, blindsided, subjugated; whatever you want to call it, they got beat by a team from what was Division I AA, and now is the Championship subdivision. Imagine the Yankees losing to a minor league team, or the Cowboys opening their season with a loss against a Canadian football team, Michigan's loss is like that.

Luckily for Big Blue they're not the only storied franchise experiencing major turbulence. For most of the year Notre Dame has looked like the worst team of the 117 in the Bowl Subdivision of D-I college football. Charlie Weis is lucky he signed his 10-year contract extension prior to the season

starting, and he should thank his lucky stars that the Irish won a game before reaching a double digit loss total.

Just this past week the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams in the AP poll lost on the same day for the first time in 11 years. Former No. 1 Louisiana State University lost to Kentucky in a triple overtime classic, as Heisman hopeful and Wildcats quarterback Andre' Woodson led his team from behind to knock off the nation's top team. Just hours later No. 2 Cal, had the opportunity to ascend to the top of the BCS mountain. However, the Beavers of Oregon State took a bite out of Cal's national title hopes, beating the Golden Bears 31-28. While missing the opportunity to be the top ranked team in the land might be hard for Cal to digest, especially since they haven't been ranked No. 1 in 56 years; it's a bitter pill most top teams swallowed this season.

Two weeks ago, four top 10 teams lost, including No. 1 Florida and No. 2 USC who fell at home to Stanford 24-23 (Stanford was a 41 point underdog in Vegas). The week prior to that, five of the nation's top ten teams lost, four of which came to unranked opponents.

The only thing that is certain this college football season is that nothing is certain, leaving fans guessing as to what comes next on this rollercoaster ride.

## SU's Buzz Ultimate Frisbee squad gears up for another successful season

By Luke Kjeldsen  
Staff Writer

Salisbury's Club Frisbee team, "Buzz Ultimate" kicks off another season of high hopes and ambitious expectations this semester.

Buzz Ultimate is entering their 12th season on the campus of Salisbury, and have experienced success throughout their existence. The team qualified for Nationals two years in a row in 1999 and 2000, and has participated in the Division III Championship each of the past two springs.

After failing to qualify for Regionals five straight years, Buzz broke through last season beating George Washington to advance out of Sectionals and onto Regionals which were held in Pennsylvania. After finishing 8th out of 15 teams at Regionals, Buzz went on to a top-ten finish at D-III Nationals capping off a very successful year.

Ultimate Frisbee is played 7 vs. 7 on what closely resembles a football field. Play is started when one team "hucks" the frisbee to the other team, the disc is then advanced up the field by passing it to teammates who must stop after catching the frisbee. Ultimate games are won by the first team who reaches 13 points, and a point is earned each time a player catches a pass in their opponents end zone.

Spring is the college Ultimate "season" there are approximately 10 teams in the "Colonial Open Section", including Buzz, who compete for three "bids" to the Metro East Regional Tournament. At Regionals, teams will face off

for a limited number of "bids" to College Nationals tournament.

"It's one of the most intense sports out there," said Buzz Ultimate Captain Tim Morrell. "We do a lot of conditioning and you can see it really pay off on the field."

Teams need to be in tip-top shape as the Ultimate schedule can prove to be grueling compared with other sports.

"When we compete against other schools it's not just a single game we play," Mike Mayo, a handler for Buzz Ultimate, "we play tournaments. Which means we play 5-7 games in a single weekend."

"Basically you just never, ever stop running," said Mayo.

Even though Ultimate Frisbee tests your physical endurance, that hasn't deterred students from coming out in droves to play the sport.

"We have more and more players come out all the time," said Morrell, whose Buzz squad practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 outside of Holloway Hall. "Everybody has so much fun out there."

Buzz Ultimate is comprised of an "A" and a "B" team, each consisting of around 18 players. There is also a girl's squad (which holds practice at the same time), called Flash Ultimate.

The Buzz has tournaments coming up at the University of Maryland, as well as the Delaware Showdown. In March Salisbury Frisbee will be holding the immensely popular, Atlantis Tournament—an Open showcasing up to 20 Ultimate Frisbee squads.

## Women's Soccer - Kate Weaver

### Student Athlete Spotlight

By Ben Muell  
Staff Writer

Salisbury University women's soccer starting forward Kate Weaver has been on a rampage. After a season which she garnered a first team All-CAC honors last year, and set three new SU records points (42), goals (20) in a season as well as tying a record for goals in a game (4), Kate continues to stand out on the pitch this year. This season she leads the team with eight goals and five assists as the Gulls are currently 10-1-1, CAC 6-1. Weaver attended Edgewood high school where she played both soccer and lacrosse. The Hartford county native says she came to SU to play soccer, and for the beach, which she never gets to. The math major planning to graduate this spring is currently sixth on Salisbury's all-time goals scored list (25) and eighth in points (59).

What is your favorite sport to play other than soccer?

I'd have to say lacrosse.

What kind of hobbies do you have?

Sports, anything and everything sports, and hanging out with my teammates.

What is your favorite food?

Crabs.

What are your plans for after graduation?

Next year I want to work at the Army Research Office, where I have interned for the past three summers.

Do you have any superstitions? Not at all. Some people do and they will say oh this is why we lost, but I don't believe in them.

How does it feel knowing the other team's game plan is to stop you?

It can be frustrating when I don't get the ball as much, but my teammates have done a good job to take some pressure off me. It just means you have to work harder.

Why is this year's team so good?

It all starts at practice, where we work very hard and we focus a lot on conditioning. And we always try to out play the other team.

Where is your dream vacation?

Anywhere with a beach is good, but I would want to go to California or Hawaii.

What kind of music do you listen to?

Hip-hop, but basically everything.

Who is your favorite athlete? Christina Eury (SU midfielder).



Andrew Baker photo

# HOMECOMING 2007

## Schedule of Events

Monday: Residence Hall Decorating Contest

Tuesday: Wing Eating Contest  
6:30 PM @ the Pergola

Wednesday: Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader?  
7:00 PM @ Wicomico Room

Thursday: Pep Rally  
7:00 PM @ Magg's Gym

Friday: Battle of the Bands  
3:00 PM @ Red Square

Saturday: Block Party/Football Game  
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM @ Intramural Fields

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# Field hockey shines in first-ever night game

By Shawn Nisson  
Sports Editor

The No. 3 Salisbury University field hockey team beat Hood College 11-0 in the first ever night game held at Sea Gull stadium. The Gulls (12-1 CAC 4-0) set eight season-high marks while recording their sixth shutout of the season against their conference foe. Salisbury recorded 58 shots, 40 of which were on goal, 31 shots in one half, 25 penalty corners, 23 total points, 11 goals, nine goals in one half, and a margin of victory of 11, all of which were season-highs. Eight different Gulls recorded goals in contest led by sophomores Lauren Correl who had three goals, and Beverly Beladino who contributed two goals and an assist. After leading 2-0 at halftime the maroon and gold punished the back-lining of the Hood goal, scoring nine strikes in the final 35 minutes of play.

Salisbury's Danielle Twilley got the offense moving, scoring just 44 seconds into the second half and was followed shortly there-

after by three more Salisbury goals coming from Kandice Hancock, Beladino, and Correl.

Salisbury's defense also put on a show underneath the lights not allowing any shots or penalty corner from Hood. The Blazers' offense couldn't even manage to get the ball across midfield until 27 minutes into the contest.

The Gulls went 3-for-3 on penalty strokes with senior Twilley, freshman Hancock and sophomore Beladino all cashing in on their attempts.

Hood's goalie Anne Marie Hantman recorded 23 saves, the most by an opponent this season against SU.

This was the first official SU athletic event under the new lights that were installed over the summer along with the A-Turf at Sea Gull Stadium.

Salisbury will play their final regular season home game on Tuesday evening at p.m. underneath the lights of Sea Gull stadium against Capital Athletic Conference opponent Villa Julie.



Sarah Wright photo

## Go Gulls

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## Men's soccer defeats Villa Julie 2 - 0, remain undefeated

### Women's Soccer

Salisbury University women's soccer team defeated Capital Athletic Conference rival St. Mary's 2-0, in a rematch of last season's CAC title game. SU's Christina Eury broke the scoreless tie in the 55<sup>th</sup> minute after she collected a rebound in front of the net and slammed the ball home. Eury's game winner was her third goal on the year and would be all the offense that the Gulls needed. Hillary Grove added an insurance goal for the Gulls in the 69<sup>th</sup> minute assisted by Eury. Salisbury improves their record to 10-1-1 and stand at 6-1 in the CAC. Junior goalkeeper Gena Goodson stopped all nine shots fired to record her fifth shutout of the season.

### Cross Country

Eric Graves finished 20 seconds before the rest of the field to capture first place on Saturday morning at the DeSales Invitational, propelling the Salisbury University men's cross country team to a second place finish. Graves finished the 8k race in 26:23.87 beating a field of over 180 student-athletes, fellow senior Buck Stokes crossed the line 12<sup>th</sup> overall in a time of 27:23.08. The women finished fourth overall, as they were lead by junior Kelly Sullivan who finished ninth in a time of 24:39.10. Zuzka O'Zwoldike, Jen Bulger, Lauren DePaul, and Amy DeMichele all earned points for the Gulls.

### Volleyball

The Salisbury University volleyball team went 2-2 over the two day McDaniel Tournament. Salisbury

(22-8 CAC 5-0) won their first two sets against McDaniel College but would drop the next three to lose the match, 30-18, 30-28, 20-30, 25-30, 10-15. Gabby Long recorded 40 digs in the contest, Stacey Krebs had 24 kills and Rachel Downes had a double-double with 16 kills and 16 digs. Jaime Marzocchi kept the scorekeeper busy recording 55 assists and 18 digs while Melissa Stansbury chipped in 16 kills. The Gulls then made short work of Marymount University, beating the Saints for the second time in as many days by sweeping the Saints in straight sets 30-22, 30-24, 30-22. Marzocchi had 31 assists, Krebs delivered 15 kills, and Long contributed 17 digs.

### Men's Soccer

The Salisbury University men's soccer team lost their first Capital Athletic Conference game of the season last Saturday, as St. Mary's defeated the Gulls in overtime 2-1. The loss snaps a five game win streak for the Gulls. Salisbury (9-4-1 CAC 5-1) scored first in the 18<sup>th</sup> minute of play as Alex Hargrove took a pass from Zach Grubb and beat the St. Mary's keeper to give SU a 1-0 lead. The Seahawks (7-7-0 CAC 4-3) answered back in the 24<sup>th</sup> minute after Alex Pyzik cashed in on a penalty kick to tie the game at one. Play went back and forth for the rest of regulation before a 100<sup>th</sup> minute goal from Misha Simon which proved to be the game winner.

### Football

The No. 9 ranked Salisbury University football team scored 42 points in the second half en route to

a 56-20 victory over Morrisville State College. Salisbury's (7-0 ACFC 2-0) rushing attack featured two 100-yard runners for the first time this season as Valdase Morris and Jamar Garner both broke the century mark running for 122 and 102 yards respectively. Morris carried the ball only five times, scoring twice, while Garner carried the rock six times getting into the end zone once. The Sea Gulls ran the ball for 412 yards on 47 attempts, while allowing Morrisville to gain only 30 yards on the ground and 181 through the air. SU quarterback Ronnie Curley completed 1 of 4 passes for 38 yards and a score, and also ran the ball 12 times for 77 yards getting into the end zone twice.

### Field Hockey

The No. 3 Salisbury University field hockey team defeated No. 2 The College of New Jersey 3-1 in a matchup of Division III powerhouses. After a scoreless first half TCNJ's Jenny Lubin scored 15 minutes into the second period giving the Lions a 1-0 advantage. However, that would be all the offense that TCNJ could manage as the Gulls would score three unanswered goals on their way to a victory. Salisbury trailed for less than a minute as sophomore Beverly Belandino answered the Lions' goal with a tally of her own. SU scored again in the 53<sup>rd</sup> minute, with a goal coming off the stick of freshman Abby Tedford. Kandice Hancock scored Salisbury's third goal of the day in the 63<sup>rd</sup> minute to cap the Gulls' scoring. Salisbury outshot TCNJ 13-12, but had fewer penalty corners 12-9.

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The Salisbury University men's soccer team dismissed Villa Julie College in a business like fashion last Wednesday defeating their conference foe 2-0.

With the win the Sea Gulls remain undefeated at home having posted a solid 6-0-1 record on their own pitch. The win over Villa Julie also marked the Gulls fifth straight victory and keeps them perched atop the Capital Athletic Conference.

The Sea Gulls offense was kept off the scoreboard in the first half but ball control and good defense kept the game knotted at zero. The Gulls started gaining momentum, and would not look back, as the first half wound down.

The Gulls came out of halftime fired up, registering two quality shots within the first three minutes of play. Sophomore Alex Hargrove and junior Romaine Bruney both missed their targets high, but the signal was clear that the Gulls offense was knocking on the door. The Gulls first strike would come in the 57<sup>th</sup> minute off the left boot of Scott Sparrow who deposited his strike in the right corner of the net giving SU the 1-0 lead.

Sparrow's goal was unassisted, as he displayed his speed and quick foot skills to beat Villa Julie's Eric Lowman. Five minutes later Sparrow connected with Kyle Sterling on an indirect free kick to give the Gulls a 2-0 advantage. Sterling's diving header was his team leading ninth goals of the season and fifth goal in as many games.



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The Sea Gulls defense continued their domination of opposing offenses. The Gulls earned their 10<sup>th</sup> shutout, and fifth consecutive, of the year. Sophomore goalie Greg Wellinghoff recorded four saves to improve his record to 7-1 on the year, while extending his scoreless minutes streak to 488.

Solid defense has led to a productive offense; evident over the past five games as the Gulls have outscored their opponents 15-0.

The Gulls return home October 17 and host Christopher Newport University at 3:30 p.m.

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# SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday-10/16	Wednesday-10/17	Thursday-10/18	Friday-10/19	Saturday-10/20	Sunday-10/21	Monday-10/22
·5:30 p.m. Field Hockey vs. Villa Julie  ·7 p.m. Volleyball vs. St. Mary's (Md.)	·3:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Christopher Newport	·7 p.m. Volleyball vs. Gallaudet		·10 a.m. Cross Country @ Elizabethtown Invitational ·1 p.m. Field Hockey @ Mary Washington ·1 p.m. Football vs. Becker ·1 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Hood ·2 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Hood		